

This morning, I joined Mayor Bloomberg of New York City and the mayors of Boston, Baltimore and Jacksonville to outline key reforms needed to reduce gun violence. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) reports that in an audit of all 3,300 federally licensed gun dealers, over 12,000 guns were missing from their records. An astonishing 11,000 of these guns were missing from just 97 of these dealers. We know that just four Mississippi gun shops are responsible for more than 300 crime guns in Chicago alone. For these and many other reasons, I am the co-chair of this task force in the House, leading the fight to close the gun show loophole and block gun sales to persons on the Terrorist Watch List.



Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York testifies with other leading mayors before the Congressional